



Conor Fish

# Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Conor Fish

SCHOOL: Garrison Middle School

SUBJECT: Navigation 101 (Exploratory)

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 8 years

Q. What is the Navigation 101 Exploratory class?

A. This is a quarterly class consisting of 7th and 8th grade students. Each week they focus on a different theme -- teamwork and responsibility are examples. The class is designed to help them learn technology and other skills to help them set goals and plan for high school. They end the class with a career unit.

Q. How does the career unit help students prepare for their futures?

A. This course allows them to research careers they are interested in. Their interests really vary. The idea is to use their passions and interests to help them learn and plan for their futures. They develop career paths to help them chart the courses they will need to take in high school and beyond.

Q. Do they create an end product to take with them?

A. Yes, each student designs their own portfolio. This is a great resource for them to use in the future. It contains colleges they have researched and careers they are interested in. The students even design their covers using Microsoft Publisher.

Q. How does Navigation 101 help students in their other classes?

A. On Fridays we review the online grades program to check their progress and determine if they are behind or missing any assignments in their other classes.

## COMMENTS FROM GARRISON PRINCIPAL GINA YONTS:

"Conor is creative, energetic and always up for a new idea that could be rewarding for kids. Students look forward to having Conor as their teacher and the success they feel as a result of his teaching gives them confidence to be successful at the next level. His involvement in student leadership has been an added bonus as his passion for middle school kids and making school applicable to life outside of GMS has proven very valuable!"

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MOMENTS & MEMORIES FROM  
CONOR FISH'S CLASS:



COMMENTS FROM CONOR...

My students have a lot of questions about Walla Walla High School. They want to know what to expect and if the classes they are interested in are available. I find most of the classes they want to take to support their career paths are available at Wa-Hi.

Thanks to Gear Up we have laptop computers for each student. They are able to research the careers they are interested in and have the resources necessary to support their learning.



Parents are also interested in the transition to high school. The Wa-Hi staff does a great job of coming to our school and meeting with students and parents to make the transition successful. Transition is a popular issue in the spring.